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The mission of Anansi Charter School is to develop the academic potential and emotional intelligence of each learner. We strive to promote the love of learning through student engagement, innovative educational practices and family and community partnerships.

Anansi Charter School Governing Council Regular Meeting
APPROVED Minutes--February 21, 2024; 5:30 pm

Location- Anansi Charter School--Hybrid (In-Person & Google Meet)

Governance Council Meeting
Wednesday, February 21 · 5:30 – 7:00pm
Time zone: America/Denver
Google Meet joining info
Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/bdj-shbj-mib>
Or dial: (US) +1 505-738-1846 PIN: 920 593 594#
More phone numbers: <https://tel.meet/bdj-shbj-mib?pin=8727840393587>

I. CALL TO ORDER of the Regular Open Governing Council Meeting (START RECORDING)

Called to order at 5:50pm

Officers: X President: X Valerie Higgins[2022]; X Vice President: Leslie Mondragon Romero [2021]; X Secretary: Leilani M. Dean [2021] ; X Treasurer: Eitan Lewin [2022]

Members; X Iris Thornton [2020]; X Eileen Horn [2023]; Hannah Garcia [202];
X Sophia Seim [2021];

Director: X Michele Hunt

Business Manager: Micheal Vigil & Seth Mender, The Vigil Group

Public Attendance: Bettina Sandoval

Student representatives: none

Leadership Team Member: none

II. Approvals

A. Agenda February 21, 2024 Regular Meeting (Action)

MOTION: I, Eileen Horn, move that the Anansi Charter School Governing Council approve the February 21st Agenda with the change to omit section 'VI. Consent Agenda' (these items were addressed at the January 17th regular meeting) Seconded by Leslie Mondragon Romero. X All Approved {X indicates All Approved}

B. Minutes January 17, 2024 Regular Meeting (Action)

MOTION: I, Eileen Horn, move that the Anansi Charter School Governing Council approve the January 17, 2024 regular meeting mins. Seconded by Iris Thornton. X All Approved {X indicates All Approved}

III. Public Recognition and Comment(s)

- A. Presentation Yazzie Martinez Update and Indian Education Act Overview, Bettina Sandoval
- B. Student Leadership Presentation-none

V. Reports [Highlights, Questions, Comments]

- A. [Financial Report](#): The Vigil Group
 - a. Budget Overview Summary Report- *The Vigil group noted of importance is the conflict regarding the Community School Grant which was awarded to the district and has not given ACS its promised portion. As long as this funding issue is resolved, ACS will have a healthy balance in the budget to move forward for next year. Resolving this discrepancy is of the utmost importance.*
 - b. BARs: Budget Adjustment Requests (action)

MOTION: I, Sophia Seim, move that the Anansi Charter School Governing Council approve BAR 21-I as presented by the Vigil Group. Seconded by Leilani M. Dean. X All Approved {X indicates All Approved}

- c. Bank transition update- *The Vigil group stated that the bank transition is pending on the completion of two resolutions; 1) to be completed and signed by the ACS GC and 2) to be signed by the Friends board.*

*RECORDING Ended when the Vigil Group finished their presentation.

- B. Council Committee Reports
 - a. Friends of Anansi Report (Leilani) *none*
- C. Director's Report *none*

V. New Business

- A. Discussion regarding whether Conflict of Interest exists for Bank Transition with GC VP Leslie M. Romero (Leslie excluded from discussion)
 - a. [Conflict of Interest Policy & Procedures](#)

In reviewing Conflict of Interest Policy & Procedures (section E2 of Article 4), the board decided to investigate additional banking options. The GC will address this matter during the March meeting. NO ACTION TAKEN

- B. Update [Resolution Doc](#) confirming council membership and approved signors for Possible Bank Transition (Discussion & Possible Action Needed) *NO ACTION TAKEN-tabled for next meeting*
- C. Review and Discuss [GC Monthly Priorities & Calendar](#) to propose scheduling for future GC Meeting Agendas *GC members will work individually until next meeting, and discussion tabled for March Meeting*
- D. Review GC Bylaws ([Current Bylaws](#)) with focus on standing committees to determine whether all are necessary as standing committees; consider separating Program and Facilities committees *Tabled for future meeting*
- E. Continued Discussion regarding Committees, Liaison Roles, and Board Member Reports to Governance Council *Tabled for future meeting*
 - a. Facilities Committee
 - b. PreK Committee
 - c. Documents Committee
- F. Update regarding 24-25 School Year Budget (Michele) *Tabled for March Meeting*
- G. Update regarding ACS/Taos Municipal Schools Audit Report (Michele) *Tabled for March Meeting*

VI. Consent Agenda (NONE)

VII. Old Business

- A. Legislative Update (Eileen) *none*
- B. Update regarding 24-25 Lottery Process (Michele) *Lottery opened earlier this month without including the pre-school. Drawing will be held at the end of April. Anansi pre-school director Karina has informed parents that pre-school students will need to apply for the lottery the same as past years.*

VIII. Executive Session- [Limited to Personnel matters, Student discipline-Director]*

- A. None

IX. Items for March 2024 agenda

- A. Goals for the Director
- B. Status update regarding GC Training hours & support available to complete requirements (Iris)
- C. Identify any GC member vacancies for 24-25 school year

X. Roles and Responsibilities

1. Iris Thornton- *meet with Valerie & Michele for updating documents, equity council, facility meeting, On-boarding with Michele, Pre-K meetings and check up on GC training requirements.*

2. Leilani Dean- *complete mins*

3. Valerie Higgins-

4. Sophia Seim- *Meet with Tracy to restore Ananasi account*

5. Leslie Mondragon Romero- *next month's agenda, complete trainings & calendar*

6. Michele Hunt-*bank research banks, connect with TMS regarding community schools grant, budget committee, calendar committee and meet with GC members.*

7. Eitan Lewin-*review financials*

8. Eileen Horn-*legislative updates & facility meeting*


9. Hannah Garcia

XI. Final Comments and Announcements

XII. Adjournment

MOTION: *I, Leilani Dean move that the Anansi Charter School Governing Council adjourn the regular meeting. Eitan Lewin, seconded X All Approved {X indicates All Approved}*

Adjourned at 8: 24p.m.

President:  Date: 3/20/24